

CITY OF WESTMINSTER

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

At the Meeting of the Council of the City of Westminster held at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 20th May, 2015 at Porchester Hall, Porchester Road, Bayswater, London, W2 5DU.

PRESENT

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Audrey Lewis and upon election
Councillor Christabel Flight

COUNCILLORS

Heather Acton	Richard Holloway
Ian Adams	Adam Hug
Nickie Aiken	Louise Hyams
Barbara Arzymanow	Audrey Lewis
Daniel Astaire	Patricia McAllister
Richard Beddoe	Guthrie McKie
Rita Begum	Tim Mitchell
David Boothroyd	Adnan Mohammed
Ruth Bush	Gotz Mohindra
Melvyn Caplan	Jan Prendergast
Danny Chalkley	Papya Qureshi
Paul Church	Suhail Rahuja
Brian Connell	Robert Rigby
Antonia Cox	Rachael Robathan
Thomas Crockett	Philippa Roe
Peter Cuthbertson	Ian Rowley
Robert Davis	Karen Scarborough
Paul Dimoldenberg	Andrew Smith
Nick Evans	Steve Summers
Peter Freeman	Shamim Talukder
Murad Gassanly	Barrie Taylor
Jonathan Glanz	Cameron Thomson
Barbara Grahame	Aziz Toki
Lindsey Hall	Judith Warner
Angela Harvey	Jacqui Wilkinson
David Harvey	Jason Williams

1 ELECTION OF LORD MAYOR

Proposed by Councillor Nickie Aiken and seconded by Councillor Rachael Robathan that Councillor Christabel Flight be elected Lord Mayor of Westminster for the ensuing year.

Proposed by Councillor Paul Dimoldenberg and seconded by Councillor Ruth Bush that Councillor Patricia McAllister be elected Lord Mayor of Westminster for the ensuing year.

Upon a show of hands, the Lord Mayor declared that Councillor Christabel Flight had been elected Lord Mayor.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Christabel Flight be elected Lord Mayor of Westminster for the ensuing year.

Councillor Christabel Flight thereupon made subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Lord Mayor and of the Office of Deputy High Steward of Westminster. Having done so she took the Chair and thanked the Council for her election and reported that her husband Lord Howard Flight be her Consort.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 29 April 2015 were, with the assent of the Members present, signed by the Lord Mayor as a true record.

3 APPOINTMENT OF LORD MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN

The Lord Mayor announced that he had appointed the Reverend Rupert Toovey as her Chaplain

4 PRESENTATION OF PAST LORD MAYOR'S BADGE AND OTHER INSIGNIA

The Lord Mayor, on behalf of the Council, presented Councillor Audrey Lewis with a past Lord Mayor's badge and the Vote of Thanks on Vellum as agreed by the Council at its previous meeting and also presented past Lord Mayor's Consort's badges to Victoria Lewis, Frances Gladwin and Nancy Gladwin. Councillor Lewis then thanked the Council on behalf of her Consorts and herself.

5 LORD MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Lord Mayor informed the Council that the Annual Civic Service would be held at Westminster Abbey at 11.00am on Sunday 5 July 2015 and all present were welcome to attend.

6 CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES

The report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services was submitted.

The Lord Mayor then put the recommendations set out in the report to the vote and on a show of hands declared these to be **AGREED**.

RESOLVED:

That the allocation of places on the following standing committees and notes the names of the Members appointed to them (including any changes), following notification by the respective Party Whips as set out below and detailed in Appendix A of the report be agreed.

That the Council confirm the proportional division of seats on the Standing Committees as shown in Column 3 of Appendix B circulated separately, as set out below:

Committee	Members	Proportionality	
		Con	Labour
Audit and Performance	4	3	1
General Purposes	4	3	1
Westminster Scrutiny Commission	6	4	2
Children, Sports & Customer Services P&S	8	6	2
Adults, Health & Public Protection P&S	8	6	2
Environment P&S	8	6	2
Housing, Finance & Corporate Services P&S	8	6	2
Standards	6	4	2
Pension Fund	4	3	1
Planning (1)	4	3	1
Planning (2)	4	3	1
Planning (3)	4	3	1
Planning (4)	4	3	1
	72	53	19

That the names of the Members appointed to the Cabinet and their delegated powers (Terms of Reference) as set out in Appendix B of the report be noted.

That the minor changes reflected in the Terms of Reference of Policy and Scrutiny Committees (Appendix C) be approved.

The Meeting ended at 8.12 pm

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE _____